

## International Directory Network (IDN)

The CEOS International Directory Network (IDN) Master Directory assists researchers by providing free, online access to information about scientific datasets (metadata) in the Earth sciences, including geoscience, hydrospheric science, biospheric science, satellite remote sensing, and atmospheric science. This metadata describes data held by university departments, government agencies, multinational organizations, other organizations all over the world.

The WGISS IDN Interest Group is responsible for coordinating activities among participating international agencies to maintain, improve, and expand the functions and use of the CEOS IDN.

CEOS Agencies register their data collections in the IDN for their heritage data as well as for new mission datasets. The IDN also aligns itself with the WGISS-supported standards for search (OGC CSW 2.0.2 and CEOS OpenSearch Best Practices) and provides the "collection search" function for the WGISS Connected Data Assets integrated system.



